British-aided health care services in Gujarat .

8164. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the districts in Gujarat State where British-aided health care services are being introduced and implemented;

(b) the details of health care services provided in those districts under the scheme;

(c) whether the Scheme would also be introduced in the remaining districts of the State; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps taken in that direction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (d) No health and family welfare project providing health care services is under implementation in Gujarat with the British aid. However a project titled "Surat Malaria Research Control Project" to be funded by Overseas Development Administration, (UK) and implemented by State Government of Gujarat for containment of Malaria in Surat District of Gujarat has been posed to the Department of Economic Affairs for securing funding support.

Homoeopathic Hospital in Gujarat

8165. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up a Homoeopathic Hospital in Gujarat on the lines of Ayurvadic and Allopathic Hospitals in the near future;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be set up in the State; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Health being a state subject it is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Govt. to set up Hospitals in the State.

Medical Care in Tribal and Backward Areas

8166. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHBHAI PATEL): Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special efforts have been made by Government for enhancing the Medical care in the tribal and backward areas of Gujarat and other parts of country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the success achieved by those special efforts as comparable to ordinary medical care?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. In order to provide medical care facilities in Tribal and Backward areas of Gujarat State and other parts of the country, a huge network of rural health infrastructure comprising a number of Sub-Centres, Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres have been established on relaxed population norms throughout the country.

Besides this, a number of Allopathic and Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathic dispensaries/hospitals/ mobile clinics are functioning to cater to the health care needs of the people.

Programmes are under implementation to control/eradicate Communicable and Non-communicable diseases like Malaria, Tuberculosis, Leprosy, Blindness, AIDS and Cancer. Under the Family Welfare Programme, emphasis has been given for Child Survival and Safe Motherhood including Immunization. Steps have been taken for development of Medical and Health Manpower as per changing needs of the country. In addition, development of Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy is encouraged to widen the network for the delivery of Health Services to the rural people. Involvement of volu-